

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2151 - SB 2287

February 5, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the offense of gambling by computer whereby a person gambles by means of the Internet which will be punished as a Class B misdemeanor or by operating an Internet site that permits gambling by means of the Internet which will be punished as Class E felony.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$4,500/Incarceration*

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

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Assumes one Class E felony conviction each year. Local government impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill. This impact is not estimated to be significant.

**Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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